

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF SUBSTANDARD AMMUNITIONS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to C&AG Report No. 6 of 2004 wherein it has been observed that the Ordnance factories are supplying sub-standard ammunition to armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a thorough inquiry into the working of the Ordnance factories and depots through an independent Committee;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to update and streamline quality products by Ordnance factories?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) The C&AG has made certain observations regarding the 125mm High Explosive/High Explosive Anti Tank ammunition.
- (b) 125mm High Explosive and High Explosive Anti Tank ammunitions are fired from Tank T-72. The original Russian ammunition uses single base propellant for manufacture of the same. Since there were doubts about the performance of the single base propellant in higher temperatures encountered in India and also since technology was not obtained from Russia for manufacture of single base propellant, a decision was taken to use triple base propellant for manufacture of these ammunitions. The performance of the ammunition manufactured with triple base propellant has been commented upon in the report.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Specific board of enquiry is appointed wherever need is felt to conduct enquiry or investigations in a particular matter.
- (e) There is a structured system for ensuring the quality of the end products supplied to the Armed Forces which includes inspection of the input material, process control as well as various stage inspections.